(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, the Government which claims to be clean is not able to supply clean rupee notes to the public. If these are the notes which are in circulation, even after they doubled, their....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

### Decline in the number of entrants to the NDA

*306. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of young men who apply for admission to the National Defence Academy has recently gone down;

(b) the number of people who had applied last year and the number of those who were selected; and

(c) what are the reasons that the NDA is not attracting the best youth, as it did in the past?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) NDA continuous to draw the excellent material for the armed forces.

It is not correct to say that the number of young men applying for admission to the National Defence Academy has recently gone down. The number of candidates who applied and were selected in the last six examinations conducted since 1984 is indicated below.—

**Statement**

| NDA Examination | Number of candidates who applied for the Examination | Number of candidates finally selected |
|---|---|---|
| May, 1984 | 16,501 | 323 |
| December, 1984 | 23,531 | 315 |
| May, 1985 | 16,123 | 316 |
| December, 1985 | 30,071 | 321 |
| May, 1986 | 26,067 | 330 |
| December, 1986 | 54,722 | Final Result yet to be declared. |